

Amendments to the Specification:

Page 1, line 1, delete the title "Description"

Page 1, before line 6, the paragraph beginning with "The invention relates" insert the following titles and paragraph:

-- **CROSS REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS**

This is a U.S. national stage of application No. PCT/EP2005/050766, filed on 23 February 2005. Priority is claimed on the following application(s): Country: Germany, Application No.: 10 2004 010 406.9, Filed: 1 March 2004; the content of which is/are incorporated here by reference.

BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION --

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 2, line 19, with the following amended paragraph:

-- ~~DE 101 20 691 A1~~ US Patent Application Publication No. 2004/0132498

discloses a manual input apparatus which is used to further simplify the input operation. Said document describes an operating element in which a so-called "touchpad", that is to say an arrangement having a touch-sensitive surface, is integrated. The touchpad is used to recognize handwriting so that the user can directly input letters or digits or other characters on the touchpad. A city name sought can therefore be written letter by letter in a simple manner. The

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movable operating element can then be used to select further functions. Such an input apparatus even requires a very low level of attention on the part of the operator and thus diverts his attention away from the traffic situation only to a slight extent. --

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 3, line 23, with the following amended paragraph:

-- ~~DE 199 14 631 A1~~ US Patent No. 6,675,147 discloses a method for inputting letters and/or numbers to a driver information system, in which input may be effected using either a manual input apparatus or a voice input apparatus. The voice input of an entry sought is also effected character by character in this system, that is to say individual letters and/or numbers are spoken rather than complete words. In this case, the user can also change between manual input and voice input while inputting a single search term. However, the disadvantage of this is the requisite character-by-character voice input of the term sought. --

Page 4, before line 4, the paragraph beginning with "Therefore, it is", insert the following title:

-- **SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION** --

Please delete the paragraph beginning on page 4, line 12, in its entirety.

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 5, line 14, with the following amended paragraph:

-- In this case, it is particularly preferable for the list item sought to be input letter by letter using a handwriting input apparatus in the manual input mode. Letter-by-letter input using a handwriting input apparatus, as disclosed, for example, in ~~DE 101 20 691 A1~~ US Patent Application Publication No. 2004/0132498 (mentioned at the outset), represents a fast possible way of manually inputting the list item sought. It is not necessary to laboriously select letters using a rotary and pushbutton controller or a keypad which usually has a plurality of letters in a motor vehicle. Word-by-word voice input in conjunction with a handwriting input apparatus in the automatic combination according to the invention constitutes a method for selecting a list item, which diverts the driver's attention away from the traffic situation only to a very slight extent. In this case, the handwriting recognition apparatus has a touch-sensitive surface which is preferably integrated in a rotary controller or else, in the form of a so-called "touchscreen", is part of an optical output apparatus. --

Page 8, before line 22, the paragraph beginning with "The invention will", insert the following title:

-- BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS --

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 8, line 22, with the following amended paragraph:

-- The invention will be described below with reference to an exemplary embodiment. In the drawings:

fig. 1: ~~shows is~~ a flowchart of the method according to an embodiment of the invention,

fig. 2: ~~shows the~~ is a block diagram showing fundamental system components of an information or entertainment system according to an embodiment of the invention. --

Page 9, before line 1, the paragraph beginning with "Fig. 1 shows", insert the following title:

-- **DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE PREFERRED EMBODIMENTS** --

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 12, line 1, with the following amended paragraph:

-- The information or entertainment system 1 illustrated in fig. 2 has a voice input apparatus 3a and a manual input apparatus 3b as input means. The manual input apparatus 3b has a touch-sensitive surface and is in the form of a handwriting recognition apparatus. At least one list having a plurality of list items is stored in a memory module 2. In the case of the exemplary embodiment, the memory module contains list items containing the names of locations for a navigation system. A copy or subset of the list which is stored in the memory module 2 is buffer-stored in a further memory element 5 of a selection module 4. An

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interaction manager 6 which is essentially in the form of a computer program processes the input signals coming from the voice input apparatus 3a and the handwriting input apparatus 3b and uses the changeover module 9 to control changeover between the handwriting input mode and the voice input mode, as was described above in connection with fig. 1. The interaction manager 6 also controls the output of acoustic feedback via the acoustic output unit 10. --

Page 14, amend the title as follows:

-- ~~Patent claims~~ What is claimed --